



City of Wichita

# Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

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## Special points of interest:

**Mandatory firearms qualifications were completed during the month of April, with 544 personnel participating.**



Pleasant Valley students clean up the community!



SRO Troy Bussard drives a truck during the clean up with PVMS.

Students from Pleasant Valley Middle School held their community service day on April 15, and partnered with Patrol North to make a difference in their community.

School Resource Officer Troy Bussard coordinated the neighborhood clean up that took place in the north central area of the city.

The students picked up trash from 37th Street N. to 13th Street N., Arkansas to

Meridian. They also painted over graffiti in the area.

This has become a yearly event for PVMS students that they look forward to each spring.



Beat Coordinator Luis Franco works with a Pleasant Valley student.

## Employees hear results of internal committees

All WPD employees attended mandatory in-service training at Century II during the month of March.

Employees heard from each of the seven committees that were formed to address issues identified in the internal survey. This included:



Racial profiling, Status of community policing, Non-commissioned employee

Issues, Department equipment needs, Communication, Call load and CP, and Race and Gender.

The issues were presented, along with the recommendations that have been adopted and implemented by Command staff.

## Police Department Employees Recognized with Awards

Lt. Troy Livingston has been awarded the Mike Hill Fellowship at Wichita State University. The fellowship award is based on academic record, demonstrated leadership qualities and potential for success



Lt. Troy Livingston

In the Field of Public Management. The fellowship is awarded to individuals with education or experience in law enforcement who seek to advance in the field of public management and complete the Master of Public Administration degree.

Capt. Felecia Norris was selected as Citizen of the Year by the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of

the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Capt. Norris is a regional winner and was selected as the 2005 winner from a selection of candidates covering an eight-state region.



Capt. Felecia Norris

## Incomplete information slows down graffiti removal process

Along with an increase in gang activity comes an increase in graffiti. Officer Darlene Zerr on the 35 Beat met with the Office of Central Inspection in April about the removal process for graffiti.

The Office of Central Inspection stated they frequently get incomplete information on graffiti complaints.

When an officer finds graffiti, the officer is to contact SPIDER and give them the correct address, surface type, color of the graffiti,

whether it's on private or public property, and the approximate size of the graffiti. SPIDER then enters the information into Tidemark and the information is sent electronically to OCI.

Once OCI receives the information, they send out an inspector to try to locate the graffiti (which they say they often can't find).

If the graffiti is on private property, OCI is required to send the property owner a waiver to

sign for removal of the graffiti. This process can take three weeks or more.

In order to make the process as effective as possible, Officer Zerr obtained some waivers and work orders from OCI that she can fill out when new graffiti is found.

Additionally, OCI staff have been scheduled to give a presentation during the May quarterly Community Policing meeting at Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall.



## Alabama MMRS Training

More than 70 City, County and area medical professionals traveled to Anniston, Alabama, in April where they participated in an Integrated Emergency Management Course—Metropolitan Medical Response System.

The training combined classroom lectures with practical exercises that were con-

ducted in real time. The scenarios were written to be realistic and presented a real challenge to the participants.

Wichita Police Department members who attended the training included: Chief Norman Williams, Captain Joe Dessenberger, Captain Felecia Norris, Lt. Troy Livingston and Janet Johnson.

## Did You Know....

During the month of April, WPD members received 69 CPRs that were generated internally and 44 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened five external complaints on members of the Department during April. There were 14 internal complaints filed against Department employees in April.

In April, Field Services personnel issued 6,741 moving citations and 2,040 parking citations.

Officer David Hinners talked with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and plans on talking with the remaining Neighborhood Associations about taking over more responsibilities of small complaints, such as barking dogs and small



Deputy Chief Terri Moses treated Support Services staff with fancy pastries for Administrative Assistants day in April.

neighborhood conflicts. He explained to the Sunnyside group that this is a good way for Association members and the neighborhoods to take a larger ownership in their own neighborhoods.

Officers and Detectives have been experiencing great success in using the GeoCrime application. Detective Scott Wiswell utilized the application and successfully identified a suspect in one of his cases.

Thus far in 2005, the Awards committee has approved 141 awards. Of those, 112 went to Field Services, 23 to Investigations, and six to Support Services. A little more than half of those, 53 percent, were for traditional policing efforts; 47 percent were for community policing efforts.

Officer Don Kimball participated in West High's Career Day. He used the portable recruiting display, and

with the assistance of Officer Adie Perkins, spoke to students about becoming Police Officers. Approximately 1000 students took part in the Career day activities.

Officer O'Dell Thomas, Officer Howard Miller and Officer Darlene Zerr worked a complaint on the 35 Beat with SRO Carlton Rodgers reference truants creating havoc in the neighborhood. Officer Thomas returned 12 first time truants during the month of April and ar-

rested two on shoplifting cases at the nearby Dillon's store.

Crime Scene Investigator Jamal Bara attended a two-week class on Police Photography at the FBI Academy from April 18-29.

Officer Brian Safris started heavy traffic enforcement in the core area to reduce traffic accidents, focusing on speeding and red light violations with 40 citations issued.

## Gang/Felony Assault Section busy with increase in gang crime

Throughout the month of April, the Gang/Felony Assault section concentrated on targeting problem gang members. Between March 14 and May 11, 56 gang members have been charged in District Court.

Fifty-four guns have been seized, and 130 gang members arrested, which includes only the arrests and gun seizures made by

the SCAT teams and the Gang Unit. The Gang Unit also gave 10 Gang Awareness presentations during the month.

Detective Jamie Hosty reviewed three cases involving two particularly troublesome gang members. After reviewing the cases, he was able to charge both in District Court in an eight-count indictment, three for possession of

cocaine, three for no Tax Stamp, possession of marijuana, and possession of PCP.

Detectives also arrested two other particularly active gang members for possessing two firearms. One was charged in juvenile court and the other's case is being reviewed by the U.S. Attorneys Office.



## Community weighs in on use of Tasers by Wichita Police

The community was given several opportunities to weigh in on the use of Tasers during the month of April. Deputy Chief Tom Stolz conducted public meetings in each quadrant of the city, including a meeting with local media.

During the meetings, he used a PowerPoint presentation to educate citizens on Tasers, and also used videos of other law enforcement agencies using Tasers.

Lt. Kevin Vaughn, Range master, presented technical informa-



DC Stolz addresses more than 70 citizens at the Patrol South Taser meeting.

tion on the less than lethal weapon, and on a couple of occasions Officer Jamie Crouch volunteered to be publicly "Tased" during the presentations.

During the media presentation, Investigative Reporter Jeff Goliowski from KAKE-10 was the only volunteer to be "tased." He survived the demonstration, but didn't volunteer for a second round.

At least half of each meeting was devoted to answering questions and responding to specific citizen concerns. At the conclu-

sion of each meeting, DC Stolz asked citizens to fill out a short survey.

The results indicated that more than 80 percent of those surveyed, felt that WPD should adopt the use of Tasers.

Plans are that Tasers will be issued to SWAT members as a part of a proto-type study, and staff will also be working on Departmental policy. Of particular concern to the Department and the public, is where the Taser should fall in the use of force con-



Capt. Speer passes out surveys during the April 25 Patrol South Taser meeting.



Lt. Vaughn explains how a Taser works.

## WPD participates in Wichita State Alcohol Awareness

WPD participated in Wichita State University's Alcohol Awareness Day on April 20.

Sgt. Rusty Leeds worked with the Student Activity Council Issues Committee and made arrange-

ments for Lt. Sara Morris and her River City Heat race car, Beat Coordinator Mike Lloyd, as a representative of the JUDGE program, and Beat Coordinator Virgil Miller as a Drug Recognition Expert and DUI instructor.

WPD personnel talked with students about the dangers and consequences of irresponsible drinking. They also utilized the fatal vision goggles and gave the students mock DUI field tests.

The River City Heat race car is slated to make an appearance at the NHRA event in Topeka in May.



Officer Mike Lloyd, Lt. Sara Morris and Officer Virgil Miller represented WPD at WSU's alcohol Awareness day.



## City of Wichita

*The Civilian Supervisors' Retreat was held on April 20th in the 5th floor Briefing Room and was coordinated by the Training Academy.*

### Civilian supervisors



## Citizen, Air Section and Officers pursue unlucky robbers

A series of four highway robberies occurred on April 14 and 15, committed by two male suspects. The first robbery occurred in the area of 21<sup>st</sup> and Meridian. One of the suspects wore a ski mask and was armed with a handgun when he approached a woman in a parking lot and stole her purse.

The two then drove to the eastside of town where they spotted a male driving in the area of 22<sup>nd</sup> and Rock Road. They followed him to his house where one of the suspects confronted the man, again wearing the ski mask and brandishing a handgun. The victim didn't have any money, so they left.

They then drove to 200 N. Dellrose where the same suspect confronted a female victim who was parking her car. She immediately

threatened to call police and the two suspects ran away.

After two unsuccessful robberies, they drove to the 800 block of N. Golden Hills where the same suspect confronted a male and female.

The masked and armed suspect approached the male and demanded his wallet. He then confronted the female who was still in her car, and got her purse after shooting out the window with his air gun.

When the suspect and his accomplice tried to escape in their vehicle, the male victim gave chase.

The victim called 911 and followed the suspects until the Air Section picked them up. The Air Section was able to follow the suspects until ground units arrived.

The Air Section observed the

passenger throw out the gun and other objects from the car, and directed ground units to their location.

Once Officer Jarod Kornelson located the suspects' vehicle, a traffic pursuit ensued. Officers chased them into Kingman County where they were both arrested after the car ran out of gas and was spiked.

Officers located victims' property along the side of the road. They also located the gun in a sewer drain.

The case was assigned to Detective Matt Hall who was able to get the suspects charged with three counts of aggravated robbery, two counts of attempted robbery, and one count of felony evade and elude.

Great job by the Air Section and Field Services personnel.